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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-5-43

SUBJECT: LTP – REVIEW OF SWCA PROGRAM CONTRACTS

ACTION DUE BY: July 1, 2005

Purpose. To provide information.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005.

The Soil and Water Conservation Act (SWCA) funded contracts in 2001 in Minnesota to deal with natural resource concerns. This program has not been funded as a part of the 2005 Federal Farm Bill and is now called a Legacy Program.

The NRCS National Headquarters is asking that each state review all SWCA contracts that have outstanding unpaid balances and determine what actions are needed. Attached with this bulletin is a spreadsheet that lists the SWCA contracts in Minnesota. If an amount is listed in the *Open Balance* column, it means that funds are still obligated for that contract and are available for payment, future implementation or de-obligation.

District Conservationists in counties with SWCA contracts with *Open Balances* are asked to review the contract document of the field office and evaluate actions that need to be taken by July 1, 2005.

1. If work has been completed and payments have not been processed, complete payment documents as soon as possible;
2. If work will still be completed, complete contract modification documents, if needed, and work with the landowner to plan and apply the practice(s);
3. If all work is completed and the *Open Balance* should be de-obligated, document this and provide these amounts by contract number to your ASTC (FO) **by July 1, 2005.**

The State Office will collect and combine all of the Area reports and provide this information to the National Headquarters. If you have questions related to this bulletin, contact your ASTC (FO) or the Areas should contact Tim Koehler, ASTC at the State Office.

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Attachment - Spreadsheet

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